Removal of Gandhi Statue

2472. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RE SOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express of 31st May, 1992 under the caption "Gandhi Statue gives way to MGR's";

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ;

(c) when it was installed at Choolaimedu High Road, Madras;

(d) whether Central Government's consent was obtained before removing the statue of. the Father of the Nation; and

(e) if not, what is Government's reaction and what steps have been taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY O F HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (e) Information is being collected from the State Government and will be placed on the table of the House.

Employees in the University of Jammu

2473. SHRI SHABBIR AHMED SALARIA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOP MENT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of all categories employees working in the University of Jammu.

(b) category-wise and community wise details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the percentage of Muslim employees are less in comparison to their popula-
; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to take steps to strike a balance to engage more Muslim employees ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCA TION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Purchase of Computers on Exorbitant Rates

2474. DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an official of the National Informatics Centre the Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, has been empowered to buy computers/systems for the centre directly from Indian as well as foreign companies;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that exorbitant rates have been paid for buying computers/ systems for the said centre in recent times;

(c) whether Government propose to order a CBI enquiry into all purchases of the centre to bring to light any misappropriation of Government funds; and

(d) whether Government would entrust the work of buying new computers/systems to the NIC in order to prevent missue of Govern ment funds ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER THE MINISTRY OF HUM AN